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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:**   
**Subject:** 218-358-WS Carolina Water Service

Dear Ms. Samantha Reynolds,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2018-358-WS - Verified Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Expenses

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
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**Letter of Protest**  
**in Docket 2018 - 358 - WS**

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**Protestant Information**

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Phone \*

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? (For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? Make comment below, if applicable. Attach additional information, if necessary.)

I have been a customer of Carolina Water Services, then Utilities Inc, then Blue Granite. My water is through the City of Columbia, and only sewer through Blue Granite.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. (This section must be completed. Attach additional information, if necessary.)

I know the history of Carolina Water Services and their practice of illegally dumping sewage into the Saluda River. I remember the environmental advocacy groups' fight to get the EPA to actually hold the company accountable for the damage it was doing. Now the legal fees and "construction" costs for "upgrading the system" have been saddled onto the customers. My sewer rate is not based upon usage, but rather a flat and ever increasing fee. My monthly sewer rate went from \$45 five years ago to a staggering \$65.08, with a promise to increase even more! This is a prime example of neither stockholder shares nor profits taking the blow for upgrades to the system, whether necessary or not, but the customers unfairly burdened.

I do not approve rate increases in the past, and especially not this one.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*